GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF NON LEATHER FOOTWEAR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news -item captioned `India lags behind in non-leather footwear exports` appearing in the Times of India dated January 4, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the exports target of non-leather footwear could not be achieved during the past few years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target in export of non- leather footwear ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : The exports of non-leather footwear has been increasing in the recent years. The exports in 1999-2000 were US $ 37.73 million against exports of US $ 17.52 million during the year 1998-99, recording an increase of 115.27%.

During April-December, 2000, the export of non-leather footwear has touched US $ 15.28 million registering an increase of 54.48% over the corresponding period of the previous year.

At the initiative of the Government, the Council for Leather Exportshas formulated a plan for a more focussed approach for exports of leather products by identifying specific products to be marketed in specific countries.